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**EPA Cooperative Agreement Grant for Development of Enhanced Performance Measures  
for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Programs  
First Quarter, FY 2001 Report**

**I.     Introduction**

This program element involves one-to-one personalized technical assistance for small businesses in Texas. An independent environmental consultant determines compliance with all applicable federal and state air, water, and waste regulations by using a compliance checklist specific for that industry. The contractor also provides technical assistance in determining compliance and recommending solutions to identified environmental problems. In addition, the contractor identifies opportunities for pollution prevention measures the businesses could implement to reduce waste and save money. A follow-up site visit will provide compliance data to compare against baseline data and thus determine increases in compliance and changes in behavior.

**II     Overall Progress and Results**

During the first quarter FY 2001 there were no compliance/pollution prevention site visits documented because the contract expired. A new site visit contract was solicited for bid and a new contractor was awarded the contract. During the second quarter of FY 2001 the contractor will begin making compliance/pollution prevention site visits under this grant.

**III    Related Issues/Current Problems and Favorable or Unusual Developments**

During fiscal year 2000 there were several common issues that were noted and addressed during the technical assistance visits to small businesses. These common issues include:

- had no air permit or standard exemption
- missing a hazardous waste determination or did not have hazardous waste record keeping
- missing a storm water plan or permit or were discharging wastewater without authorization for a local publicly owned treatment works

**IV     Conclusions/Projected Work for Next Quarter**

During fiscal year 2000 the compliance/pollution prevention site visit program was very beneficial to small businesses in helping them comply with applicable state and federal environmental regulations and in implementing new pollution prevention measures. During FY 2001 the site visit program will continue to provide assistance to small businesses and will seek new opportunities to expand the program through mail marketing and direct contacts with small businesses.